



League of Women Voters of Williamstown
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To: FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Implementation of Section 621(a) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992; MB Docket No. 05-311; FCC 18-131.

May 14, 2019

The League of Women Voters of Williamstown submits comments regarding the FCC notice of proposed rulemaking, seeking input on proposed changes that will significantly and negatively impact local public, educational and governmental (PEG) access stations. We request that cable companies not be allowed to deduct 'in kind' contributions from the 5% cable franchise fee paid to such stations.

The League of Women Voters is dedicated to ensuring that the public is informed about government affairs. In Williamstown, our local station provides coverage of government meetings, including school committees. In addition, the LWV prepares and airs programs of public interest such as candidate forums and issue debates prior to elections.

Any diminution of funds available to our PEG station will result in a less-informed citizenry. We urge the FCC to reject this request of the cable companies.

Sincerely yours,

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